

# AGENDA

## 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL BLACK NURSES DAY on CAPITOL HILL

Hilton Washinton DC Capitol Hill  
525 New Jersey Avenue NW  
Washington DC

Grand Ballroom, Lower Level

### Black Nurses: A Call for Transformative Health Equity Globally

Thursday, February 1, 2024

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill Hotel  
Grand Ballroom, Lobby Level

NOTE: NBNA Merchandise for SALE – Get your **RED** attire for the day

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Welcome and Acknowledgements

Loretta Lee, PhD, RN, FNP-BC

Health Policy Committee Chair

National Black Nurses Association

Associate Professor

University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing

Introductions

Martha Dawson, DNP, RN, FACHE, FAAN

Immediate Past President

Associate Professor

University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing

Introduction of:

- NBNA Board of Directors
- Past Presidents
- NBNA Chapter Presidents
- NBNA Corporate Roundtable Members
- NBNA Day Sponsors
- Schools of Nursing and Guests
- Acknowledgement of Staff
- NBNA President

Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, CRNP, AACRN, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN  
President and CEO, National Black Nurses Association  
Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion; Research Professor  
Pennsylvania State University Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow Alum, '09

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Keynote Speaker

**Legislative Activity Impacting Patient Access: What Providers Should Know**

Kristin Williams, MPH

PhRMA

Washington, DC

8:30 am – 8:50 am

Decreasing Infant Mortality by Providing Access to Appropriate Nutrition: Advocating for  
Access to Premature Infant Nutrition

Aly Fuller, JD, PhD

Vice President

Government Affairs & Intellectual Property

Prolacta Bioscience

Duarte, CA

**Congressman Morgan McGarvey (D-KY3)**

Kentucky's 3rd Congressional District in the House of Representatives

Black Maternal Health Caucus

8:50a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Action Steps to Disrupt Inequitable Health Outcomes: The Role of Policy in Advancing the  
Healthcare Workforce

Melissa Bishop-Murphy, JD

Senior Director, National Government and Multicultural Affairs

Pfizer

New York, NY

9:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Protecting Our Kids from Nicotine Addiction: Eliminating Tobacco- Related Health  
Disparities & Ending Youth Tobacco Use

Caroline Goncalves Jones

Senior Director, Advocacy and Outreach

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

Washington, DC

9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Transforming Leaders to Transform Health: The RWJ Health Policy Fellows Program

Gregg Margolis, PhD

Director of Health Policy Fellowships and Leadership Programs

National Academy of Medicine

Washington, DC

9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The Road to Health Equity must include Nutrition Security

Robert Blancato, President

Matz, Blancato and Associates National Coordinator

Defeat Malnutrition Today Coalition

Washington, DC

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

VITAS Healthcare

The Value of the Medicare Hospice Benefit - Satisfaction, Support & Savings at the End of Life: A Discussion held on Capitol Hill

Marcia Lowe, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN-GERO-BC

2nd Vice President and Chair End of Life Care Ad Hoc Committee

National Black Nurses Association

Nurse Educator

Department of Staff Development

Birmingham VA Medical Center

Birmingham, Alabama

Joseph Shega, MD

Executive Vice President & Chief Medical Officer

VITAS Healthcare

Mark Slobodien

Vice President of Government Affairs

VITAS Healthcare

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

NBNA Legislative Toolkit Briefing for Capitol Hill Visits

Dr. Loretta T. Lee

Dr. Vivienne Pierce McDaniel

Dr. Celia McIntosh

1. Inequities in Black Maternal Health
2. Eliminating Health Inequities: Diversifying the Nursing Workforce
3. Implications of Black Infant Mortality
4. Dismantling Structural Racism in Nursing
5. Climate Change: A Catastrophic Health Crisis
6. Gun Violence: America's Epidemic
7. Obesity: America's Calamity

**11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – BREAK and TRANSITION TO THE HILL  
GROUP PICTURE ON THE CAPITOL STEPS**

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Capitol Hill Visits  
Capitol Hill Visits, Appointments with your Senators, and Representatives, (Live and Virtual)

**1:30 pm. – 2:00 p.m. – TRANSITION BACK TO THE HOTEL FROM THE HILL**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Luncheon  
Introduction of Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Celia McIntosh  
COVID Is Here to Stay  
Reed Tuckson, MD, FACP  
Co-Founder of the Black Coalition Against COVID  
Atlanta, GA  
Sponsored by: Novavax Pharmaceuticals

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Members of Congress Videos and in Person Visits

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
NBNA Day Debriefing on Capitol Hill Visits  
Evaluation/Thank you Letters/Break (Using Whova)  
Moderator: Dr. Loretta T. Lee

**NOTE: Vacate the Ballroom for reception preparation**

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Networking, social media posting, and Photo Opportunities

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
End of day closing reception  
Sponsor: TBA

## Members of the NBNA Health Policy Committee

Dr. Loretta T. Lee, *Chair*  
Dr. Vivienne McDaniel, *Vice-Chair*  
Dr. Celia McIntosh, *Vice Chair*  
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